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To the Printer of the GAZETTE.

I WAS much pleas'd with the ſhort Caution you gave in one of your late Papers, on Occaſion of a Woman whoſe ſudden Death the Coroner's Inqueſt aſcrib'd to the violent Effect of ſtrong Drink; and being my ſelf related in the neareſt manner to one, on whom that Caution ſeem'd to have ſome good Effect, I could wiſh you would purſue it further, in which perhaps you may oblige others beſide me: For it is now become the Practice of ſome otherwiſe diſcreet Women, inſtead of a Draught of Beer and a Toaſt, or a Hunk of Bread and Cheeſe, or a wooden Noggin of good Porridge and Bread, as our good old Engliſh Cuſtom is, or Milk and Bread boiled, or Tea and Bread and Butter, or Milk-Coffee, &c. they muſt have their two or three DRAMS in a Morning; by which, as I believe, their Appetite for wholeſome Food is taken away, and their Minds ſtupified, ſo that they have no longer that prudent Care for their Family, to manage well the Buſineſs of their Station, nor that regard for Reputation, which good Women ought to have. And tho' they find their Husband's Affairs every Day going backward thro' their Negligence, and themſelves want Neceſſaries; tho' there be no Bread in the Houſe, and the Children almoſt bare-foot this cold Weather, yet, as if Drinking Rum were part of their Religious Worſhip, they never fail their conſtant daily Sacrifice. It is not long ſince I was preſent at the following Scene. Enters one who was once a handſome Woman, but now with bloated Face and ſwollen Legs, *How do you do, Neighbour?* Indifferent. *Bleſs me, it's very cold, and I've no Wood at home; but I'll go down to ——, and they'll help me to Wood; for they have a penny to ſpend, and a penny to lend, and a penny to lay up. Come, can't you give us a Dram?* No, I wiſh I had one. *Come, I've got a Penny.* And I've got but a Penny, if more would ſave my Life I ha'nt it. *Come then, I've got two pence, and your Penny will fetch half a Pint of Rum; and you ſhall be two-pence another time.* So away goes the half-pint Bottle. *And you ſhall find Sugar, and a little Bit of Butter, and that's pure good this cold Weather.* Judge you how finely things are like to be carried on in the Families over which ſuch Women are placed. I for my part ſhall never more ſpeak againſt TEA; let thoſe that like it enjoy it for ever: Tea will not take away their Senſe of Shame and of Duty, nor their Fear of Cenſure: Their Pride in this Particular, may make them careful, and induſtrious, and frugal in other Reſpects, that they may have wherewith to ſupport their Rank and Credit in the World. They may ſtill preſerve their Modeſty, and their natural Affection; But Drunkenneſs is utterly inconſiſtent with any one of thoſe Virtues which make Women amiable or valuable to Men. *I am your Friend and Reader,* &c.

Altho' it has happened, that of the four unfortunate Wretches, who within theſe few Weeks have died ſuddenly in this County, by exceſſive Drinking of ſtrong Liquor, two were indeed Women; yet it muſt be acknowledged, that this Kind of Intemperance is by far more frequent among the Men than among them: And perhaps 'tis owing to the general Moderation of Women in the Uſe of ſtrong Drink, that the preſent Race of Engliſhmen retain any conſiderable Degree of the Health, Robuſtneſs, and Activity of their Anceſtors. There are, however, ſome, it ſeems, who, directly contrary to the Advice given by the Angel to the Mother of the ſtrongeſt Man, inſtead of refraining all Drink that may intoxicate, are determin'd to drink nothing elſe. Their Fault will be its own Puniſhment: But what Crimes have their unhappy Offspring committed, that they are condemn'd to bring Miſery into the World with them, to be born with the Seeds of many future Diſeaſes in their Conſtitution.

The Practice of Drinking Drams is ſo general, and ſo well eſtabliſh'd in the World at preſent, that ſome People are apt to wonder, and ſcarce think it poſſible, when they are told, that Men formerly lived and performed their Labour without it; and that 'tis ſcarce 50 Years ſince diſtill'd Spirits have been commonly uſed in England. They were firſt only to be found in the Apothecary's Shop, and preſcrib'd by Phyſicians in extraordinary Caſes, a *Drachm* at a time, whence we have the preſent Word *Dram*, but it ſignifies now much more than the *eighth part of an Ounce.* Our Forefathers, 'tis true, have had Beer many Ages; but within the Memory of Men, Temperance in Drinking was ſo univerſal amongſt them, eſpecially in the inland Country Places, that a good old Man not long ſince dead with us, could ſpeak it as an extraordinary Thing, *Verily I tell thee, Friend, I knew a Smith in over Toon, who would ſometimes go to th' Alehouſe, when he had no other Buſineſs there, but to drink!* Obſerve it was *a Smith*, which is allow'd to be a thirſty Trade, *and but one Smith!* I am afraid we have never a modern Miracle on the other ſide to match it; that is to ſay, *A Smith*, or indeed any other Tradeſman, *in our Town, who never goes to the Tavern* but when he has other Buſineſs there *beſide Drinking.*

That decrying of *Drams* may not be thought the Fancy of whimſical particular Men, who love Singularity, and to talk againſt every thing that is in Faſhion; ſee the united Wiſdom of the Britiſh Nation, King, Lords, and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, condemning that Practice, in the Act made 1729, for reſtraining it. The Preamble is worth tranſcribing. *Whereas the Drinking of Spirits and ſtrong Waters is become very common amongſt the People of inferior Rank, and the conſtant Uſe thereof tends greatly to the Deſtruction of their Healths, enervating them, and rendring them unfit for uſeful Labour, intoxicating them, and debauching their Morals, and leading them into all manner of Vices and Wickedneſs, the Prevention whereof would be of the greateſt publick Good and Benefit,* &c. 'Tis pity that Act had not fully its deſired Effect.

I might cite the Opinions of our moſt famous Phyſicians, who are univerſally againſt the Practice we are ſpeaking of: but I have not Room, and can only at preſent give a Paragraph or two from Dr. *Allen's Synopſis of Phyſick*, lately publiſhed with conſiderable Applauſe. In his Chapter of *POISONS*, having treated of mineral, vegetable, and animal *Poiſons*, he concludes with this.

DISTILLED POISONS.

'There is yet another Family of Poiſons, to wit, *Vinous Spirits* and *diſtilled intoxicating Liquors*; for the too frequent and

and plentiful devouring of these (as the ill Custom obtains) hath killed as many Thousands of Men as there are Stars in the Skie; nay, ten times ten hundred Thousands have died by these, more than by all the rest of Poisons whatever, which is not in the least to be doubted of; wherefore I usually call this pernicious Mischief, by way excellence, THE HARM, whether in jest or earnest I need not say. It not only occasions violent Distempers in a great many, but also sometimes *sudden Death* in some; for which Reason, if it does not deserve the Name of *Poison*, what else it should be called I can neither learn nor conjecture.

'An ungrateful Burthen lies upon generous Physicians. Those who guzzle burning Spirits Night and Day, according to their detestable Custom, perpetually tippling *liquid Fire*, when they have extinguished all Concoctions, enervated all the Solids, and corrupted the Liquids; and the Fabrick a long while staggering is now ready to fall, then they seek our Help. What is to be done? The Office of a Scavenger is to be performed; and perhaps when the Drain is made, and by chance the Matter retrieved, they presently return to the same Practice again, as a Dog to the Vomit, or a Sow to the Mire; and prodigal of their Lives, they shorten the remaining part of their Days. What must Physicians, or what can Divines do? Medicines can be of no Service, and they will not hearken to Counsel. All Things will be in vain, they rush into the Embraces of the wicked Poison, they become stupid and blind, deafer to Reason and Counsel than *Marpassus's Rocks*, they thirst forever, and drink as if bit by the *Dipsas*, and the more they drink the more they covet of the *deadly distilled Water*, with which, in as much Haste as they can, they close the Scene, even at the Point of Death calling for the Bottle. Most miserable! and deplorable!

'O happy Temperance! never too much to be praised! of the *first*, which thou mad'st the *golden* Age, *the Ornament and Safeguard!* thy own Persuasive and Value! sometimes to be seen in the joyful Times of *Saturn!* worshipped and adored by all pure and pious Souls in all Ages. Thou art, if any thing in the Earth, *the true Composer of Archæus*, and the Preserver of a sound Mind in a sound Body. Thou lead'st thy Adorers right on the way to a long and happy old Age, with a pleasant and youthful, graceful and lovely Countenance. To conclude, thou art adorned with the Praises even of thy Enemies, and art counted lovely by them, with whom, when thou art cast off, there remains the Curse of *Satyricus*, *Let them see this Virtue, and waste away, since they have forsaken it.*

London, Octob. 16. On Friday last an Experiment was made on board a Ship, at Blackwall, in the Service of the East-India Company, of an Engine that is so curiously contrived, as to tack a large Ship about at Sea in a Calm, which was much approv'd of by several present; but it was the Opinion of some that it would be of more Service if it was fixed at the Stem instead of the Stern: This is designed for the Service of the Company's Ships, in Case they should be attack'd by any of Angria the Pirates Grabes in a Calm, with which they might be able to defend themselves and bring a Broadside to bear upon an Enemy almost as soon as when under a Gale of Wind.

Yesterday a fine spinning Wheel of curious Workmanship lately brought from Ireland, was presented to her Majesty at Kensington; at which she was pleased to express great Satisfaction.

Charlstown, S. Car. Decemb. 2.

Extract of a private Letter from Williamsburgh *in* Virginia.

The new Tobacco Law is very well liked, the People already begin to feel the good Effects of it; In the Country it has this Year been sold for (in ready Cash) from 12 s. 6 d. to 16 s. 8d. per Hund. And there are Accounts of Sales already come by a Ship lately arrived from Bristol last March, which hath cleared 8 and 10 *l. per* Hogs. for Leaf, and 12 *l.* for Stem. In *Maryland*, they are not so well off, Tobacco still remains a Drug there. We had an Assembly here, who (among other Things) have amended the Tobacco-Law, in some Points, that were complained of; have given *John Randolph*, Esq; 2200 *l.* to go home to get the Tobacco under an Excise; and to endeavour to get repealed, a Law made in *Eng.* last Parliament, *for securing the Payment of Debts in the Plantations, to the Merchants in England*; and have been pleased to settle a Salary of 100 *l. Sterling per Ann.* on Mr. *Willam Parks*, Printer, for printing their Laws, Journals, &c.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.

On the 16th past, one Mary Sullivan, a Servant Maid in this City, having drank a large Quantity of Rum, died in a few Hours.

Last Week the Mate of a Vessel in Christine Creek, crossing the Ice, fell in and was drowned, together with a young Man that went to help him out. The latter was a Swede that came over lately in the Ship John, cast away in entring the Bay.

Last Week a Man in Lower-Dublin, having drank too much Rum, went to Bed and died in an Hour.

Our River is still fast.

Buried in the several Burying-Grounds of this City since our last.

Church	1.	Baptists		0.
Quakers	1.	Strangers	Whites	0.
Presbyterians	0.		Blacks	3.

Advertisements.

ALL *Persons indebted to the Estate of* William Powel, *Cooper, lately deceased, are desired to make speedy Payment to* John Armit, *Executor; and all Persons that have any Demands on the said Estate are desired to bring their Accounts to him, in order to their being satisfyed.*

ALL *Persons indebted to the Estate of* Thomas Roberts, *of this City, lately deceased, are desired to make speedy Payment to his Widow*, Samuel Powel, *Cooper, or* Jacob Shoemaker, *Executors. And all who have any Demands on the said Estate, are desired to bring in their Accounts, that they may be adjusted.*

ALL *Persons indebted to the Estate of* Henry Jones *lately deceased, are hereby desired to come and pay the same to his Widow* Eleanor Jones *and his Son* Isaac Jones, *Executors. And all Persons that have any Demands on the said Estate, are desired to bring in their Accounts that they may be adjusted.* Jan 18. 1732,3.

ALL *Persons indebted to the Estate of* James Cooper *of Philadelphia, lately deceased, are hereby notified to make their respective Payments to* Samuel Cooper *and* John Cadwalader, *Executors to the said Estate, to prevent further Trouble.*

RUN *away on the 25th of December past, from* Stephen Armit, *of Philadelphia, Joiner, a Servant Man named* Thomas Holt, *aged about 21 Years, a likely well-set Fellow, an Irishman, with a good Head of Hair. Had on a grey cloth Coat full trim'd, a light-colour'd broadcloth Coat under it, with long Pockets; striped holland Jacket, Leather Breeches, and a good Beaver Hat. Whoever secures the said Servant so that he may be had again, shall have* Twenty Shillings *Reward, and reasonable Charges paid by* Stephen Armit.

CALEB CASH, jun. Heel- and Last-Maker, is removed from *Chesnutstreet* to the Foot of *Marketstreet*, in the House where the Widow *Appleton* lately lived: Where all his Customers may be supplyed by him as usual.

RUN *away on* Jan. 24. *from* Samuel Worthington, *of the Manor of Moreland, an Irish Servant Man, named* Malachi Garvi, *about 34 Years of Age, of good Stature, red Beard, lightish brown Hair, his Face swelled and somewhat broke out by reason of his late Sickness, in which I took him in almost naked, paid his Expences, Doctor, &c. for which he became my Servant. He is well known in most of these Provinces, having travel'd about some Years. He had on a bluish grey strait body'd Coat, a coarse Kersey Jacket, reddish brown Stockins, old Shoes, & Leather Breeches. Whoever secures him so that he may be had again, shall have* Three Pounds *Reward, and reasonable Charges paid, by* Samuel Worthington.

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